

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Here's another reason why I don't support the merger of Dish Network and DirectTV. I live in a rural area that does not receive cable television. Yesterday, when I turned on my TV there was nothing but a blank picture. I called Dish Network and after many minutes of trouble shooting I was told I would need new satellite equipment (as some video component was broken). Well, this is the second time in as many years that I've needed to replace my equipment. The last time, I said to myself, 'if this equipment breaks again so quickly I'm going with a different company'. Well, as I just mentioned above, my equipment is broken. But now it looks like I can't go with a different company because with the proposed merger there will only be one small dish satellite provider in the entire country. Where's the competition to make high quality equipment? Where's my choice to choose another company? I do not support the merger of Dish Network and DirectTV.

Sincerely,

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